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Counsel for Applicants conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Philip Leung on 24 September 2003. Pursuant to Applicants' duty under 37 C.F.R § 1.133(b), the following is a summary of the substance of the interview.

Claims 1-3 were discussed to determine what claim language would be acceptable to distinguish the invention from the cited references, in particular U.S. Patent No. 5,310,977 to Stenkamp et al.. Examiner Leung acknowledged that the structures of the invention of the present application are different than the structures disclosed in the '977 patent. However, Examiner Leung maintained his position that the term "indentation pattern" itself was too broad and encompassed structures disclosed in the '977 patent. Examiner Leung suggested adding the term "scored" to the claims to differentiate the '977 patent, or otherwise more particularly define the term "indentation."

Applicants disagreed with Examiner Leung's assessment of the definition of "indentation." Applicants further indicated concern about the incorporation of the term "scored" in the claims as potentially introducing a process-related limitation. Applicants advised the examiner that they would consider these and other options in the preparation of a written response.

The possibility of reintroducing claims 26-41 in the event that claim 1 was found allowable was discussed. The possibility of amending claims 4-41 to additionally depend from claims 2 and 3 was discussed.

The examiner is requested to sign the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A) and return to Applicants a copy of the signed form noting the date of the interview and summarizing the issues discussed.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October 2003.



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